

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 25, 2008

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Ronald Williams
Commissioner Bob Bullen, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Harry Gill
Becky Shelton
Lisa Nolen
Jeff Sandvig

Chairman Bullen presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chairman Bullen presented the written Health Department report for the use and benefit of the Committee. The report indicated the grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Health on behalf of a consortium of local health organizations to educate students in city and county schools on the harmful effects of tobacco use which Mr. Fresco requested permission last month to apply for has been put on hold due to the current economic climate. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

The Committee was provided the November 6, 2008 minutes of Community Care for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Jordan, to approve the Community Care report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Lisa Nolen presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Ms. Nolen advised it was her recommendation that the Committee move the \$36,049 under Almaville Property to Future High School Sites to clean up the report. Superintendent Gill and Mr. Sandvig advised this was OK to do. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to move the \$36,049 from Almaville Property to Future High School Site in the Special Projects Report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

"Commissioner J. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Superintendent Harry Gill and Jeff Sandvig presented the Board of Education report first presenting an amendment budgeting \$895,177 in Other State Education Funds that the system received for the State's teacher bonus. This bonus was \$288.77 in gross pay for a full-time certified position as of 9/2/2008. \$784,781 is for the actual bonus and \$110,416 for the Social Security, Medicare and State retirement.

The Committee was next presented a proposed amendment budgeting the additional \$160,641 received from the State of Tennessee for high cost Special Education students. These funds must be budgeted in Special Education functions 71200 or 72220. The funds are being used for two and a half special educational assistants needed for high cost students, in-service for teachers dealing with autism and instructional items for high cost students. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to (1) amend \$895,177 in Other State Education Funds, Account 46590 and \$895,177 in staff, Social Security, Medicare and State retirement as presented; and (2) amend \$160,641 in Education of Handicapped Funds, Account 47143 and \$160,641 in allowable expenditures as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next item presented was a fund balance loan for Stewarts Creek High design fees. The Committee was advised an additional \$935,261 in design fees for Stewarts Creek High is needed to stay on schedule and open that school August 2011. This \$935,261 and the \$386,739 that has been funded for the next high school by savings from other projects will cover the \$1,322,000 needed for Stewarts Creek High.

Mr. Gill advised he recommended a loan for \$935,261 from the General Purpose School fund balance that would be repaid when the County goes to the bond market in Fiscal 2010. The fund balance is \$9,843,725 after the adjustment for the Rockvale land or 4.19%. After this loan, fund balance would be \$8,908.464 or 3.8%.

Ms. Nolen advised she recommended using the \$386,739 from savings on other projects, the \$36,049 moved from Almadale Property to Future High School Site in the Special Projects Report and the \$312,655 received from the Town of Smyrna for the property sold as this was above the cost. Ms. Nolen advised there is enough in-house money to fund the design and it could be rolled into the next bond issue.

Mayor Burgess advised the design work would not be wasted if the bond market drops as it could be used at some point.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised he had been in a TVA meeting and it is projecting negative growth in 2009 over 2008.

Mayor Burgess advised another big issue will be what the State funds in BEP monies.

The School Board is building at Brown's Chapel and will close on the two middle school properties this week. Superintendent Gill advised they are on a tight time line to open the schools on schedule.

Commissioner Phillips advised the Commission has committed to the two middle schools but at what point do you say no to the high school. Commissioner W. Jordan advised he was not ready to say yes to a high school.

The Committee was advised to open in 2011 the design needs

to be funded now.

Mayor Burgess advised the County will not know until May or June what State funding will be.

The Committee advised it wanted more information on the time line for construction.

Superintendent Gill advised this ultimately needs to be funded and if the design is funded it will not be wasted as the County will build the school sooner or later.

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to defer the matter of funding the design fees for Stewarts Creek High School for thirty days. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Bullen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

BOB BULLEN, Chairman